

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 11.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .30.
Temperature, Max. 74; Min. 72. Weather, rainy.

ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1856.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.75c. Per Ton, \$74.60.
88 Analysis Beets, 10s. 1½d. Per Ton, \$82.80.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE SUPERVISORS TRY TO BRACE UP THEIR POSITION

Are Enacting for the Third Time Measures
the Validity of Which Is Questioned
by the Mayor.

The Republican majority in the Board of Supervisors began a third attempt yesterday to legalize their effort to take all appointing power away from the Mayor, and vest it in their own committees. This time the effort is made to do it by ordinance. Two ordinances and a resolution were introduced covering identically the same ground and couched in almost the same wording as the motions that were made at the special meeting of the Board on Monday, and done over again at the regular meeting on Tuesday night in the effort to cure the doubt as to the validity of Monday's proceedings, which the Republican majority's legal advisers evidently felt. Doubts of even the efficacy of Tuesday's curative proceedings seem now to be felt, for the whole thing is being done over for a third time, and this time by ordinance.

When the doubt of the validity arose did not appear at the meeting yesterday unless it came from W. O. Smith's letter in the Advertiser Saturday, and his public statement at the Men's League meeting Friday night, that the law undoubtedly put the entire appointing power in the Mayor with the right of the Supervisors to approve or disapprove.

There were some signs that yesterday's curative program had been decided on in haste. Supervisor Logan had not been informed of it, and the introduction of the ordinances and resolution by Aylett, Quinn, and Kane, in procession, came to him with the force of novelty. He voted with McClellan and against his Republican colleagues on one motion in the program, though he finally fell in with the program, and helped carry it through.

The Board met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All the members were present except Cox, who has not been at any of the meetings for several days. The minutes of all the meetings since the first were read and approved. The order of business was called through without anything of much importance being presented, and Logan had risen to move an

adjournment when Aylett got up and presented Ordinance No. 1. This was entitled An Ordinance to "abolish all Boards, Committees, Commissions, Offices, Positions and Employments created by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oahu," and after the enacting clause was identical in wording with the resolution which the County of Oahu Supervisors adopted as their final act; and with the motion which the City and County Supervisors adopted as almost their initial act, and which they re-enacted on Tuesday night. Apparently those "boards, committees, commissions, offices, positions and employments," are hard to kill. Perhaps it won't be known whether they are dead or not until the Supreme Court has its say.

Quinn offered Ordinance No. 2. This is entitled An Ordinance directing and authorizing certain standing committees of the Board of Supervisors to engage and discharge all employees that such committees may deem necessary for the municipal service, to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation. It is in effect an ordinance to turn over the road department to the Road Committee, the fire department and the electric light system to the Fire Department Committee, and all other departments to another committee, to hire and discharge employees and fix their compensation at will, without much let or hindrance either from the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors itself. For instance the Road Committee is "directed and authorized to engage and discharge all employees by such committee deemed necessary to maintain the public work of the city and county on the roads, bridges, garbage, parks, and public improvements thereof, to prescribe the duties and services of said employees and to fix their compensation."

The committee under this ordinance is not controlled in the number of employees it appoints or the compensation it fixes by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors or by both acting together, but can go ahead and employ as many as it wants and pay them as much as it wants, but at the last meeting of the month must report what it has done to the board, and if the board by a majority vote disapprove of anything, "such action so disapproved shall be of no effect after the date of" (Continued on Page Two.)

BRAUNEN NAHOME DUPES THE TOWN AND SKIPS OUT

Smooth Dealer in Fruits Undersells Everybody
Else, Pockets the Cash and Leaves
Creditors Behind.

Quick sales of other people's oranges, apples, grapefruit, pineapples, cigars, etc., at prices lower than other dealers could afford to sell the same things, gave Braunen Nahome a pocketful of ready cash, part of which went into a steamer ticket and the remainder is with Nahome aboard the Makura en route to the Colonies. In short, Nahome did up Honolulu and is now far away from the islands. In fact, he was two days on the high seas before it was known that he had duped the business community.

Braunen Nahome is a Greek who arrived in town a few weeks ago and rented the vacant store at the corner of Beretania avenue and Alakea where he set himself up as a dealer in fresh fruits. The opening of this establishment was watched with considerable interest by passersby. Boxes of oranges, apples, lemons and pears were temptingly displayed. The big windows were opened so that the fruit could be bought quickly by persons waiting for cars. The fruit came in large lots from California and was placed on the market at very low prices. That caused wonder, but Braunen had ready explanations, "Quick sales, small profits." Just cash business all around.

However, Braunen was not always an agreeable salesman. If a person asked for fruit and started to pick it out himself he received a rebuke from Braunen, and much trade was driven away on this account. The goods from the coast were received from an uncle of John Deter, the manager of the Union Grill. A bill of about \$160 was run up, and this has not been paid. Then during the holiday

rush Braunen went to May & Co. and made arrangements for fruits, but Manager Lucas insisted on cash payments. The man ordered about \$40 worth of fruits and paid for them, but that was his wedge. In some way he contrived to get additional lots from May & Co. Then he got cigars from Fitzpatrick; he had a telephone put in and didn't pay for it. He had lights installed and didn't pay for them; he had a Chinese assistant, and the boy hasn't been paid. May & Co. have received no pay lately; Dr. McGrew who owns the building is out on the rent proposition. In fact everybody with whom Nahome had dealings is out of pocket.

Braunen Nahome did up the town to the tune of several hundred dollars. He disposed of his stock and converted everything into cash and a steamer ticket. On Saturday when the Makura was in port boxes of fruits selling at \$2.50 went for \$1, and so on. Shortly after noon Saturday the Greek left his place of business and went aboard the Makura. He booked as Braunen. Yesterday morning May & Co. found out they had been duped and took possession of the stock remaining in the store.

By a curious coincidence Braunen is a fellow passenger with Hugh McIntyre of May & Co. Mr. McIntyre is taking a vacation and will be in the Colonies for about three months. If May & Co. decide to take any action they may cable to Mr. McIntyre at Fanning Island, or Suva. If Braunen has any money Mr. McIntyre might induce him to part with it or a portion of it under threats to make him sweat in a British jail. Of course, even to cable to McIntyre costs money, and to the firm it seems like a waste, or at least like sending good money after bad.

The Syrian priest faker whom the Advertiser headed off, also got away.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES THE PUGET SOUND DISTRICT

INSANITY IS NOW CHARGED

Atcherley to Be Brought Before the Court for Examination.

A formal charge of insanity was entered against Dr. John Atcherley at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the presentation of the charge will be made before the district magistrate this morning. The complaint is signed by Dr. Emerson and Dr. Sinclair. Dr. Emerson has been treating Dr. Atcherley constantly ever since he was brought to the police station on Sunday morning, two hours after midnight, and just after he fired several shots into the house of Dr. John Wayson.

Mrs. Mary Atcherley, wife of the imprisoned doctor, tells a grotesque story of how Dr. Wayson was the aggressor, not her husband, on Sunday morning, and that Dr. Atcherley merely followed the doctor up and pumped his revolver at Wayson's house, after first taking a shot at him in front of the Atcherley office on Emma street.

The story of Mrs. Atcherley goes back several days to Thursday and Friday, when she alleges the foundation of Dr. Atcherley's "retaliation" to have been laid. She says that some one has been prowling around their home on several nights. Thursday night they heard the mysterious intruder. On Friday morning at 9 o'clock, she says, she was awakened by some one knocking on a rear door and calling out "Doctor." Mrs. Atcherley says she called to her husband, but they decided to pay no attention to the midnight visitor, although the doctor, as a physician, is supposed to (Continued on page 6.)

NUUANU VALLEY GETS FAIR SHARE OF RAIN

The present kona weather is going to relieve the water situation very materially and allow a resumption of active construction work at the Nuuanu dam. About noon yesterday a drizzling rain set in at the reservoir and this has continued steadily since, soaking up the ground, starting the waterfalls to spraying and gradually bringing up the level of the waters behind the toe of the dam. This time there has been no wild Nuuanu zephyrs to hustle the raindrops away, the wind this storm being up instead of down the valley.

No measurements of the rainfall or of the water accumulations were made last night, but Contractor Whitehouse is resting assured that the drought has finally been broken.

THE KEPOIKAI MYSTERY.

Word came from Washington in the Nippon Maru mail that Kepoikai was to have been removed by cable, but that, on the intercession of Kuhio and Governor Frear, a letter was written instead which should have reached the Maui judge yesterday. The Advertiser wired to Wailuku to find out if the news could be confirmed and got the reply "Nothing known so far." The Kepoikai resignation, which the Governor supposed he had forwarded to Washington, seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

SURPLUS DWINDLING UNDER AVALANCHE OF OLD BILLS

In spite of the repeated warnings of Chairman Hustace, it now appears that the spending committees of the old Board of Supervisors had a merry old time during the month of December. The bills are now coming in to the Auditor and from them it is seen that in every road district of the county the appropriations were overrun. Wailuku got \$800 more than had been voted; Honolulu, in spite of the call down Dwight got at the beginning of the month, slammed ahead and has an overdraft of \$4000 at present accounted for, with the prospects that this will be nearly six thousand when the totals are cast.

Thus, instead of the twenty thousand dollars which Chairman Hustace wanted to hand over as a legacy to the new Board from the old, the balance on hand will be less than twelve thousand dollars. At the rate the road committee blew itself during November and December, however, it appears lucky that

WILL NOT PRESS FOR LAND RETURN

U. S. Government to Retain Valuable Wahiawa Pineapple Land.

On account of the extended plans that are being worked out at the United States military reservation at Lelehu, it is now felt that the Territorial authorities will not press for the return of the eastern portion of the reservation, as was at first seriously contemplated. Some time ago a movement was started to get about half of the U. S. reservation back by the Territorial authorities, as this land, near Wahiawa, includes over one thousand acres on which pineapples are now being cultivated.

According to the letter received here from Governor Frear, the probabilities are that this matter will be entirely dropped. The land in question is just beyond Wahiawa, and is very valuable. There are 1467 acres in the tract, and of this 1400 acres are now being used by private corporations for the cultivation of pineapples. The Governor speaks of the great things that the military authorities are planning for that reservation, and hints at plans more vast than have as yet been dreamed of.

The Governor states, however, that the probabilities are that a good portion of the government land lying back of the face of Punchbowl will be returned to the Territory. Easements for rights-of-way to the two Territorial reservoirs at Diamond Head will also probably be granted by the Federal Government.

Bid on Supplies.

Governor Frear is urging the military authorities that the merchants of Hawaii should be given an opportunity to bid on the supplies for the Army posts soon to be in full blast here. This matter is one that has not yet been given very serious consideration by the local merchants, though it is vital (Continued on Page Four.)

MOTT-SMITH CABLED GOVERNOR 20 TIMES

"I have burnt up the wires with cables more times during the present trip of Governor Frear to Washington than ever before," said Acting Governor Mott-Smith last night. "During the time that the Governor has been gone this time, I have sent exactly twenty cables to him."

Governor Frear, who is now en route to Honolulu on the Pacific Mail liner Siberia, which left San Francisco on Saturday last, left here on November 17, arriving at Washington on December 2. He left Washington on the return trip on December 31. He was just twenty-nine days in the Capitol city, and almost got a cable a day. The Governor sent twelve cables in reply.

During the May-June trip of the Governor to the mainland, Mott-Smith sent two cables to the Chief Executive, while the latter carried away the honors with seven.

Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver Island Are Rattled—Small Damage but Much Alarm.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SEATTLE, January 12.—There was a sharp earthquake shock felt throughout the Sound district yesterday. In this city, at Bellingham, Vancouver, Victoria and Tacoma the effects were very noticeable. In some places the people rushed from the buildings into the streets, fearing that the structures would collapse.

At Port Townsend the earthquake was severe enough to break the windows in many buildings, shake down fragile roofs and burst the watermains, flooding some of the houses.

The Alaska cable parted several hours before the shock, denoting the fact that seismic disturbances have been severe in the north.

HENEY WELCOMED BACK FOR CALHOUN TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, January 12.—Francis J. Heney was enthusiastically greeted at the ferry yesterday on his arrival back from Pittsburg. He is here to be present at the trial of Patrick Calhoun, for alleged bribing of Supervisors, which begins today.

INDIANA INAUGURATES A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, January 12.—Governor Marshall was inaugurated yesterday, being the first Democrat to hold the position of Governor of Indiana since 1892.

ANOTHER SICILIAN QUAKE ADDS TO THE MISERY

MESSINA, January 11.—Continued shocks of earthquake and a great tempest have destroyed the temporary shelters which had been thrown up for the succor of the wounded survivors of the terrible earthquake of December 28. Parts of the docks upon which were supplies for the survivors were also destroyed. An immense fissure has been formed in the earth near Giarre.

COLD WEATHER STOPS LUMBERING

BELLINGHAM, Washington, January 12.—All logging and lumbering has stopped in this section for the present on account of the extreme cold weather prevailing.

GREATER NAVY FAVORED.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives has agreed to recommend, following the urging of Secretary of the Navy Newberry, an increased naval construction to include two monitor battleships of the latest type, five torpedo boat destroyers, three colliers, four submarines and one subsurface boat, the total appropriation to amount to twenty-nine million dollars.

TILLMAN SCORES ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—Senator Tillman denies that he has been guilty of any improper acts or any acts that would warrant investigation by United States Secret Service men, and he emphatically scores President Roosevelt, who accused him of being involved in the Oregon land frauds.

MURDERERS GUILLOTINED.

BETHUNE, PAS DE CALAIS, France, January 11.—Four murderers were guillotined here today.

EVANS FAMILY TROUBLE.

MARE ISLAND, January 11.—Naval Constructor Evans has been granted a divorce.

TAFT GETS THEIR VOTES.

SACRAMENTO, January 11.—The California Presidential Electors cast their votes for William H. Taft.

LIFESAVER FREETH MAY RECEIVE MEDAL

LOS ANGELES, December 27.—The council of this city has been asked to introduce the resolution of the Ocean Park board of trustees asking the national government to provide a medal for George Freeth, of the United States life saving corps at Venice. The resolution recites that on December 16

George Freeth and the life saving crew at Venice saved the lives of eleven Japanese fishermen at imminent peril to themselves. Freeth was the conspicuous hero of the occasion. A heavy storm was blowing off the Venice breakwater and the Japanese sought shelter behind it. They were in three boats and were unable to manage them.

Three times Freeth jumped into the angry sea and carried life lines to the boats. The third time he jumped into one of the boats and safely steered it to shore. By his action the eleven lives were saved. The resolution declares he did this without thought or hope of reward, acting only as his duty prompted him.